



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 6/20/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 6/20/21

Time: 4:19PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2000 block Walnut Hill Park Dr.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 14

Incident Report #: 210444734

Cruiser District: 142

Victim: Jason Keys (Deceased)

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 43

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Elias Smith

Address: 2069 Walnut Hill Park Dr.

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 24

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

## Incident Summary:

On Sunday, June 20, 2021, at 3:37PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to 2000 block of Walnut Hill Park Dr. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found 43-year-old Jason Keys suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Truro Township Medic 162 transported Keys to Mount Carmel East Hospital in critical condition, where he was pronounced deceased at 4:19PM.

Keys and his wife were attending a Father's Day party at a family member's home. As Keys and his wife were leaving, a neighborhood dispute erupted. During this dispute several people produced firearms, to include Keys. 24-year-old Elias Smith, who was not involved in the dispute, heard arguing and fired several shots at Keys from his residence, fatally wounding him. Smith then retreated inside his residence and refused to come out prompting a response by SWAT. Smith was arrested and charged with Murder for causing Keys' death.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 93rd homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2021. Incident #2104444734. Detective Lemmon is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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